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**ANCHORAGE RESIDENT SENTENCED TO 6.5 YEARS IN  
FEDERAL PRISON FOR CONVICTION OF DISTRIBUTION OF COCAINE**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on January 16, 2008, Raudel C. Cortez, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, and a Citizen of Mexico, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 78 months in prison for his conviction of distributing cocaine.

United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Beistline imposed the sentence on Cortez, age 34.

According to information presented to the court by Assistant United States Attorney Stephan A. Collins, Cortez delivered three kilograms of cocaine on July 24, 2008 and was arrested on July 28, 2008 when he went to collect approximately \$90,000 that was owed for the cocaine.

Prior to imposing sentence, Judge Beistline stated that Cortez was involved with a number of other serious cocaine traffickers and was probably working his way into holding a major position of authority in the drug trafficking network before he had been arrested. Cortez will be deported upon completion of his prison term.

Mr. Cohen commended the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Cortez.

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